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- 25X1 1. [redacted] on 1 April, the Falkensee restricted area was partly vacated and was to be released to the German population. However, the restricted area was again heavily occupied in mid-April. In May and early June, individual soldiers and details of the units quartered in the restricted area were frequently seen. Most of the personnel wore epaulets at the lower end of which a wide golden cross beam was seen. Red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, black-bordered black and black-bordered blue epaulets were identified. [redacted] the personnel seen were participants of officers' courses. On 18 June, soldiers with baggage left on trucks. [redacted] the courses were completed. On 4 July, only a few EM with black-bordered blue epaulets were observed in the restricted area. According to informant, these soldiers belonged to the ground personnel of Staaken airfield which was relieved every other day in the evening.

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- 25X1A 2. Between 20 June and 2 August, [redacted] the Falkensee restricted area and determined that passenger and motor vehicle traffic was light and that there was no training. In early July, [redacted] only very few Russian dependants were staying in Falkensee at that time. About 11 a.m. on 12 July, 1 lieutenant colonel, 3 captains, 2 senior lieutenants and 3 junior lieutenants, all of them with golden epaulets, and 48 air force soldiers came from the restricted area. In the afternoon on 2 August, 4 officers, 4 women in civilian clothes and about 70 air force soldiers were observed at a soccer game on the athletic field.

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3. During the night of 11 August, the unit which was stationed at the restricted area transferred to an undetermined destination. Thirteen flatcars with sideracks were loaded with equipment and included 6 sedans and 2 trucks.

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4. On 7 August, [redacted] in addition to Staaken airfield, Falkensee restricted area was to be vacated in the near future.³ 25X1
5. On 10 August, [redacted] the restricted area was to be vacated until late August. The municipal administration, allegedly had given orders for reconditioning of the buildings before they were returned to the civilian population.²
6. Between noon and 1 p.m. on 10 August, three trucks loaded with furniture came from the restricted area. Two additional trucks were seen in the restricted area. Source believed that the restricted area was being vacated.²
7. About 4 p.m. on 10 August, two large piles of furniture and billeting equipment which were guarded by an air force officer were seen on Falkensee freight station. Six empty flatcars with sideracks were parked on a siding. Throughout the day on 11 August, furniture and billeting equipment was hauled from the restricted area to the freight station where it was loaded by air force personnel. Motor vehicles were also being loaded.²
8. About 6 p.m. on 11 August, a train carrying 15 to 20 trucks, 5 sedans, 3 motorcycles, 1 radio truck, furniture and air force soldiers left Falkensee freight station.²
9. Throughout the day and night on 11 August, billeting equipment which was hauled from a fenced-in area north of the station, was loaded at Falkensee railroad station. According to a local resident, the air force personnel quartered on Stalin Allee was transferred and the buildings were to be reoccupied by KVP.⁴
10. At 6:30 p.m. on 11 August, trucks hauled billeting equipment from the quarters of the Falkensee air force headquarters to Falkensee freight station. At noon on 12 August, the quarters of the air force headquarters appeared to be vacated. No loading operations were seen at the freight station. At 5:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m., no lights were seen in the quarters which appeared empty. A KVP sentry with green collar patches was seen at the gate. There were rumors among the local population that the quarters were to be reoccupied by a tank headquarters and others that the buildings were to be released to the Germans.⁴

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1. [redacted] Comment. To date it has been assumed that the Ground Attack Corps Headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army was stationed in the Falkensee 25X1 restricted area.

25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. Previously an air transport unit of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army was stationed at Staaken airfield. Between 6 and 12 August, this unit transferred to Schonefeld airfield.

25X1A 4. [redacted] Comment. There are no definite indications on the further utilization of the Falkensee restricted area.

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